

HAIR WEAVING TOOL

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EXAMINER: ROBIN DOAN



I, Debra Belton, declare the following information to be true and submit this statement in support of the invention submitted for patent consideration.

The invention has been marketed by me via the internet at www.nappynhappy.com and on www.nappylocs.com successfully since the filing of my provisional patent (See Exhibit A). From January 2005 until December 2005 a total of 341 tools were sold for \$15 ea via the internet. The tool can be purchased separately, or with a kit (See Exhibit B.) There is currently no other retail marketed hairstyling tool specifically designed for looping various dreadlocks sizes.

When one does a internet search for the phrase "making dreadlocks using a tool"-my invention, the Nappylocs Tool consistently leads the pack (See Exhibit C) with more than 85,000 entries. When one does an internet search for the phrase "Nappylocs Tool" more than 108 responses return (See Exhibit D).

I was sued unsuccessfully by a large competitor for various alleged infringements in Federal Court. My competitors aim was to sue me out of business and stop the marketing of my invention. I had to defend myself, in California without the aid of an attorney due to the lack of financial means. The Court ruled in my favor and found no similarities my tool and those non patented items used by my competitor (See Exhibit E).

I am including for your inspection a copy of my invention (See Exhibit F) and my

book/dvd which demonstrates the use of the tool and is also sold with the tool (See Exhibit G).

Please excuse this declaration and patent amendments if they arrive late.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States the above statements to be true.

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Jan. 11, 2006

Date



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